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**In re application of:** Paul Raymond Smith

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of the claims. Responsive to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance (the "Statement") in the Notice of Allowability dated July 27, 2009, Applicant comments as follows.

Applicant agrees that the claims are allowable in view of the cited references, taken singly or in combination. Applicant respectfully notes that, to the extent that the Examiner's Statement uses and/or attributes to a claim language not identically appearing in or extraneous to the claims, Applicant notes that the claims are not limited by such language. Instead, each claim is defined only by the language in each respective claim, and the language of each claim speaks for itself.

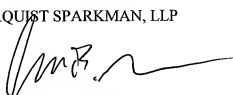
Additionally, Applicant notes that the dependent claims are allowable for reasons similar to those for which their respective parent claims are allowable, as well as for the unique combinations of features or method acts recited in each respective dependent claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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